

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 068941

12

ORIGIN NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-25 IO-12 ADP-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-09 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01

PRS-01 SS-15 USIA-12 SR-02 ORM-03 /131 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/ EGY: GNANDERSON: DD

4/12/73 EXT 22660

APPROVED BY NEA: JJSISCO

NEA/ EGY: MSTERNER

AF/ N: HODELL

----- 058987

R 130034 Z APR 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USINT CAIRO

INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY SANAA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

CONFIDENTIAL STATE 068941

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EG

SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS ATTEMPT TO IMPLICATE US IN ISRAELI

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 068941

BEIRUT RAID

1. ASST SECY SISCO TELEPHONED EGYPTIAN MIN KHALIL APR 12 TO SAY WE DISTURBED AT TENOR OF CAIRO PRESS TREATMENT OF ISRAELI RAIDS AGAINST FEDAYEEN IN BEIRUT. THERE APPEARS TO US TO BE CONCERTED EFFORT BY TWO OF CAIRO'S THREE PAPERS TO IMPLICATE US IN THIS OPERATION ON BASIS OF TOTALLY FLIMSY "EVIDENCE" AND IN SPITE OF OUR CATEGORIC DENIALS THAT US INVOLVED IN ANY WAY. WE HAD MADE IT CLEAR THERE ABSOLUTELY NO FOUNDATION TO THESE ALLEGATIONS. US EMBASSY IN BEIRUT HAD ISSUED STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT, BUT NEITHER OF THE TWO CAIRO PAPERS HAD BOtherED TO REPORT THIS. USG CONCERNED BECAUSE THIS COVERAGE IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND COULD HAVE RESULT OF INFLAMING PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST US. SISCO RECALLED THAT EGYPTIAN ACCUSATIONS OF US INVOLVEMENT IN 1967 WAR HAD TAKEN LONG TIME TO SORT OUT.

2. SISCO STATED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF GOE WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE TO CHANGE THIS SITUATION. USG ALSO ASSUMED EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES WERE TAKING THE NECESSARY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN EGYPT.

3. KHALIL COMMENTED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IF USG HAD DEPLORED OR CONDEMNED ISRAELI RAID INTO LEBANON. HE NOTED

HE HAD CONVEYED DEPT PRESS SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT TO CAIRO. SISCO SAID US POSITION REMAINED THAT WE AGAINST VIOLENCE FROM ALL QUARTERS. WE OBJECTED TO PROPENSITY TO CONDEMN ONLY ONE SIDE AS REFLECTED IN SOME UN DEBATES, FOR EXAMPLE. SISCO REFUTED LEGAL DISTINCTION DRAWN BY SOME BETWEEN ACTS BY A GOVERNMENT AND THOSE OF NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS FEDAYEEN. THIS LEGAL NICETY, HE SAID, HAD LOST ALL MEANING IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES: VICTIMS JUST AS DEAD IN EITHER CASE. KHALIL SAID CAIRO DISTURBED AT WHAT IT SAW AS TENDENCY HERE TO EQUATE BSO WITH ALL PALESTINIANS. SISCO REPLIED THAT WE HAD MADE CLEAR ON REPEATED OCCASIONS-- HE HAD DONE SO ONLY TWO HOURS BEFORE IN VOA STATEMENT-- THAT WE SEEK PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT FOR ALL, INCLUDING JUST SETTLEMENT FOR PALESTINIANS. ROGERS

CONFIDENTIAL

\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a

\*\*\* Current Classification \*\*\* CONFIDENTIAL

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:**  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 13 APR 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** hilburpw  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973STATE068941  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** GNANDERSON: DD  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** SECSTATE WASHDC  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19730445/aaaairhr.tel  
**Line Count:** 107  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ORIGIN NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** hilburpw  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 17 SEP 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <17-Sep-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <30-Nov-2001 by hilburpw>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** <DBA CORRECTED> srp 980122  
**Subject:** CAIRO PRESS ATTEMPT TO IMPLICATE US IN ISRAELI  
**TAGS:** PFOR, EG  
**To:** CAIRO INFO ALGIERS  
JIDDA  
KHARTOUM  
MULTIPLE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005